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| Applicant | : | Hirai, Mitsuharu |
| App. No | : | 10/553,614 |
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| For | : | METHOD OF DETECTING PANCREATIC ISLET AMYLOID PROTEIN MUTANT GENE AND NUCLEIC ACID PROBE AND KIT THEREFOR |
| Examiner | : | Baughman, Molly E |
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| Conf # | : | 4647 |

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 10/553,614. In response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.